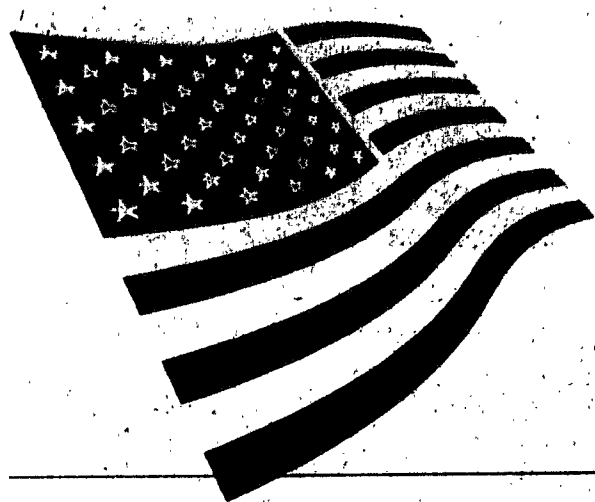


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## SSC, Lady Tigers & Lady Hawks

St. Stanislaus and the Bay High and Hancock girls teams advance at state.

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## Celebrating Black History

Bay St. Louis has been a center of religious freedom for African-Americans since the 1920s.

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### Black History program at Macedonia Church

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Waveland will host its 17th annual Black History program this Friday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Artmize Clemens, pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Gulfport.

### Off-site pet adoptions in Waveland Saturday

The Waveland Animal Shelter assisted by Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County will host off-site pet adoptions this Saturday at Waveland Kmart from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each pet will have first set of shots, a worming, free vet check, rabies shot and will be spayed or neutered and will be microchipped.

### BHS Community Night

Bay High School library-media center will host "community night" today from 6-8 p.m. For more, call 467-7267.

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Wed.	10:44 p.	4:16 a.
Thurs.	11:42 p.	5:10 a.

## PLEASURE KREWES



The Krewe of Real People parade rolls through Bay St. Louis Tuesday before a record crowd, and without incident. For more photos, see page 8A Below: A family enjoys the St. Paul Carnival Association parade in Pass Christian. For more St. Paul photos, see page 1B.



### BY GEOFF BELCHER News Editor

**L**iterally thousands of people - including visitors from as far away as Minnesota and Wisconsin - hit Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis this week for Carnival.

The St. Paul Carnival Association rolled on Sunday, and lived up to its reputation as one of the premiere events on the Coast. Though Hwy. 90 and its environs were nearly covered

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## 12 pounds of cocaine seized in I-10 bust

Drugs discovered in truck radiator after routine stop

### BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County deputies stopped a truck around 2 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, on I-10 for a traffic violation, which led to the discovery of approximately 12.5 pounds of cocaine in the radiator, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Narcotics Division Agent Clifton (Bubba) Malley said, "While Lt. Tim Broder and Deputy Nathan Jewell were on a routine patrol, they observed a truck weaving on the highway, after following it for several miles, they stopped the vehicle.

"Permission was received from the driver and passenger to search the vehicle. During the consensual search of the engine compartment, Lt. Broder and Deputy Jewell noticed

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Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Tim Broder, right, and Deputy Nathan Jewell display hollowed out radiator which contained approximately 12.5 pounds of cocaine confiscated early Sunday morning, following a traffic violation stop on I-10.

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## Man arrested in theft of investigator's truck

### BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS Publisher Emeritus

A Pearl River resident has been arrested in connection with the theft of Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt's truck, according to Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber.

Hurt's truck was stolen from his Waveland residence on the night of Feb. 5, and recovered by St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Deputies on Feb. 9, after it had been abandoned.

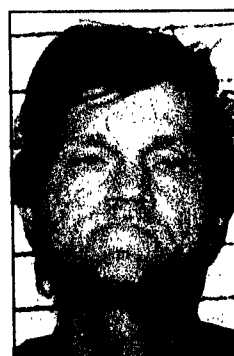
Investigator Tom Roan on

Wednesday said, "James Carver, 43, of Pearl River County, was arrested at approximately 2:30 a.m. at his residence by Deputy Tim Campbell in connection with Hurt's truck theft."

The entire Hancock Sheriff's Investigation team, Waveland Police and other law enforcement agencies, have been working on the truck's theft, according to Hurt.

"On Friday, Feb. 20, I received

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James Carver, a 43-year-old Pearl River County resident, was arrested Wednesday for the alleged theft of Hancock County Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt's pickup truck.

## Two 14-year-olds nabbed for theft

### BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS Publisher Emeritus

Alert Diamondhead neighbors led to the detention of two 14-year-olds in connection with the theft of a purse from a vehicle on Monday, according to Hancock County Investigator John Luther.

Luther said, "Neighbors saw two young males in the woods going through a purse. They called the

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# Bay St. Louis: A center of religious freedom

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Since the 1920s, when St. Augustine Seminary brought the Divine Word Missionaries and the Society of the Divine Word to the area in 1923, Bay St. Louis has been a center for religious freedom for all races.

The Seminary began as dream of Father Matthew Christmann, a member of the Society of the Divine Word. Christmann came to the United States from Germany to work among black Catholics in Mississippi at the turn of the century.

In 1924 St. Rose Parish was established for the black Catholics in the area and in 1926 the St. Rose de Lima Church opened its doors on land donated by Our Lady of the Gulf Church. For the first time black Catholics in the area had their own church and did not have to occupy the rear pews, that they were restricted to, in predominately white churches. The presence of these two institutions has been an inspiration for unity for the whole community.

Christmann noticed that though Protestant churches were flourishing, there were few black Catholics. To Christmann, the problem seemed to stem from the fact that there were no black priests, whereas there were many black Protestant ministers.

It was Christmann's theory that pastors who were more like the parishioners that they ministered to were more successful in drawing and keeping church members. At that time there was no where in the United States where blacks were allowed to go for training for the vocation of the priesthood. The S.V.D. trained priests continue to serve St. Rose parish and other parishes throughout the world.

Christmann took his idea of opening a seminary to train blacks for the priesthood to his colleagues, who were in total support of the idea. At the end of 1920, St. Augustine opened in Greenville and three years later moved to its present location in Bay St. Louis. That same year Pope Pius XI sent his blessing for the school through a letter.

Unfortunately Christmann did not live to the end of the 14 year training period to see the first priests ordained in 1934, but died suddenly in 1929 at the age of 41, leaving a legacy that would forever change the face of American Catholicism.

On May 23, 1934 the first four graduates were ordained by Bishop Richard Gerow at a ceremony attended by more than 2,000 people. The new

responsibility learning the skills to deal with the prejudices that they would likely encounter after ordination.

"In some ways they were stricter here in the training because of what might be in store after graduation," said retired St. Rose de Lima priest Father Armand Theriault.

"The tragedy in the beginning was if you were an African American no bishop

1950's. By then the seminary was integrated, a move many said would never be successful, but it was. Training stopped in 1985 and now the seminary serves primarily as a residence for retired priests and a retreat center.

"I like to think of St. Augustine as having a prophetic mission," said Father Raymond. "African Americans were thought to be incapable intellectually and morally (for the vocation of the priesthood) but St. Augustine changed that belief. I like to think of St. Augustine like the prophets who came with a mission and then disappeared from the scene (when the job was done)."

The men also remember another groundbreaking event that was held in the Bay. On April 22, 1953 an enormous crowd assembled at St. Augustine to march in a procession to Our Lady of the Gulf Church for the Consecration of Bishop Joseph O. Bowers, the first African American to be consecrated as Bishop in the United States. People traveled from across the country for the historical event officiated by Cardinal Spellman of New York. Father Joseph remembers there being so many people that many had to wait outside the church.

St. Rose Parish, like St. Augustine, has undergone changes over the years. Today, other races make up about a third of the attendees, with African Americans accounting for about two thirds of the 400 or so families that the church serves. Many who attend Mass at the church, are members of other churches and even other denominations.

The Parish school closed in 1968, when children were integrated into other area schools.

The unique, upbeat atmosphere makes the services an attraction for the faithful from all walks of life. The St. Rose Choir, founded through the efforts of lifelong parishioner Marilyn Smith goes a long way to attract the sometimes standing room only crowds to the Sunday morning services. Their soulful, gospel sound has the power to inspire even those on the borderline of faith to joyful wor-



(Top) Father Armand Theriault in the 1950's talking to a group of young people outside St. Rose de Lima. He began and ended his service at the church and now makes his home at St. Augustine Seminary. (Above) The very first building to house St. Rose de Lima School stood near the present day location of Second St. Elementary. The school later moved across from the church on Necaise Ave. and added a separate high school. Both the elementary and high school closed in 1968.

Fathers were Anthony Bourges, Maurice Rousseve, Vincent Smith and Francis Wade and the first black men in the history of the United States to be ordained to the Catholic Church. The dream Christmann had envisioned had become a reality.

A church for those first four was opened in Lafayette, Louisiana, said retired Father Joseph Guidry, who said that it still took some time for the new priests to be welcomed by the bishops, other priests and the people.

At that time the training was strenuous. Candidates had to learn Greek and Latin, and the black candidates at St. Augustine had the added

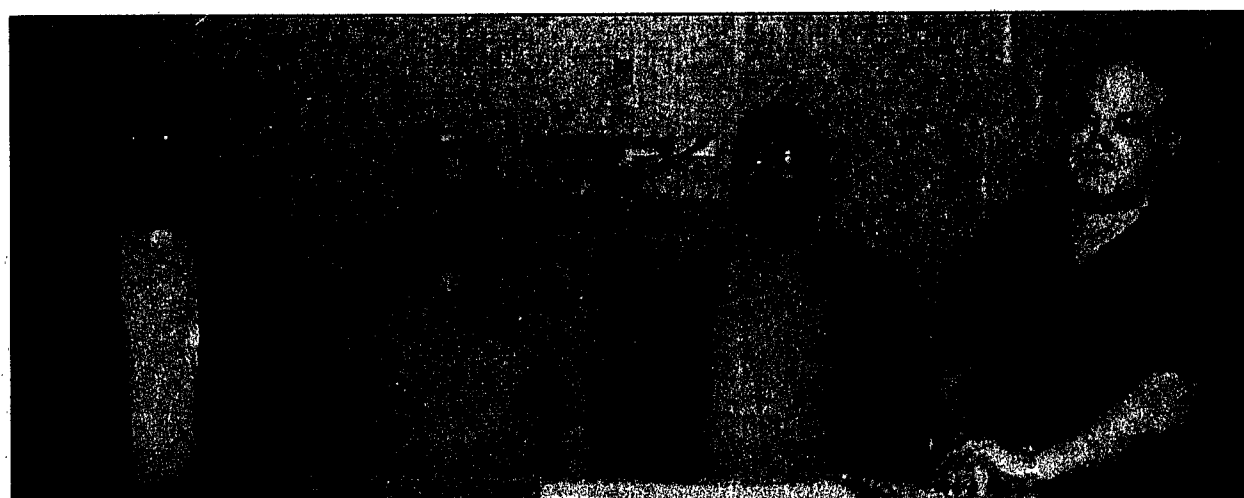
or seminary would accept you, so St. Augustine became a catch all," said retired Father Raymond Guidry.

The acceptance by the surrounding community was strong, said Father Joseph, who serves as Rector of the House at St. Augustine.

"The seminary was like an oasis where you were happy and hoped to reach your goals," said Father Joseph. "The Fathers and even the community backed you and gave you support."

The three men, along with retired Father Thomas Potts who serves as public relations spokesman for the seminary, all studied at St. Augustine about the same time, in the

From left to right are Father Joseph Guidry, Father Thomas Potts, Father Raymond Guidry and Father Armand Theriault. The men attended training for the priesthood at St. Augustine Seminary and now live there as retirees.



A seven and a half foot Christ hangs suspended in front of a large, moss covered Oak tree in a mural at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church. The church attracts many visitors of all races and denominations.

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# Cocaine -- bust on I-10

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modifications to the truck's radiator."

Malley continued the officer's report, "Upon closer inspection, it was revealed that the radiator not only served as the engine cooling system, it also contained a hidden compartment. The deputies accessed a trap door located under the radiator and discovered the packages of cocaine."

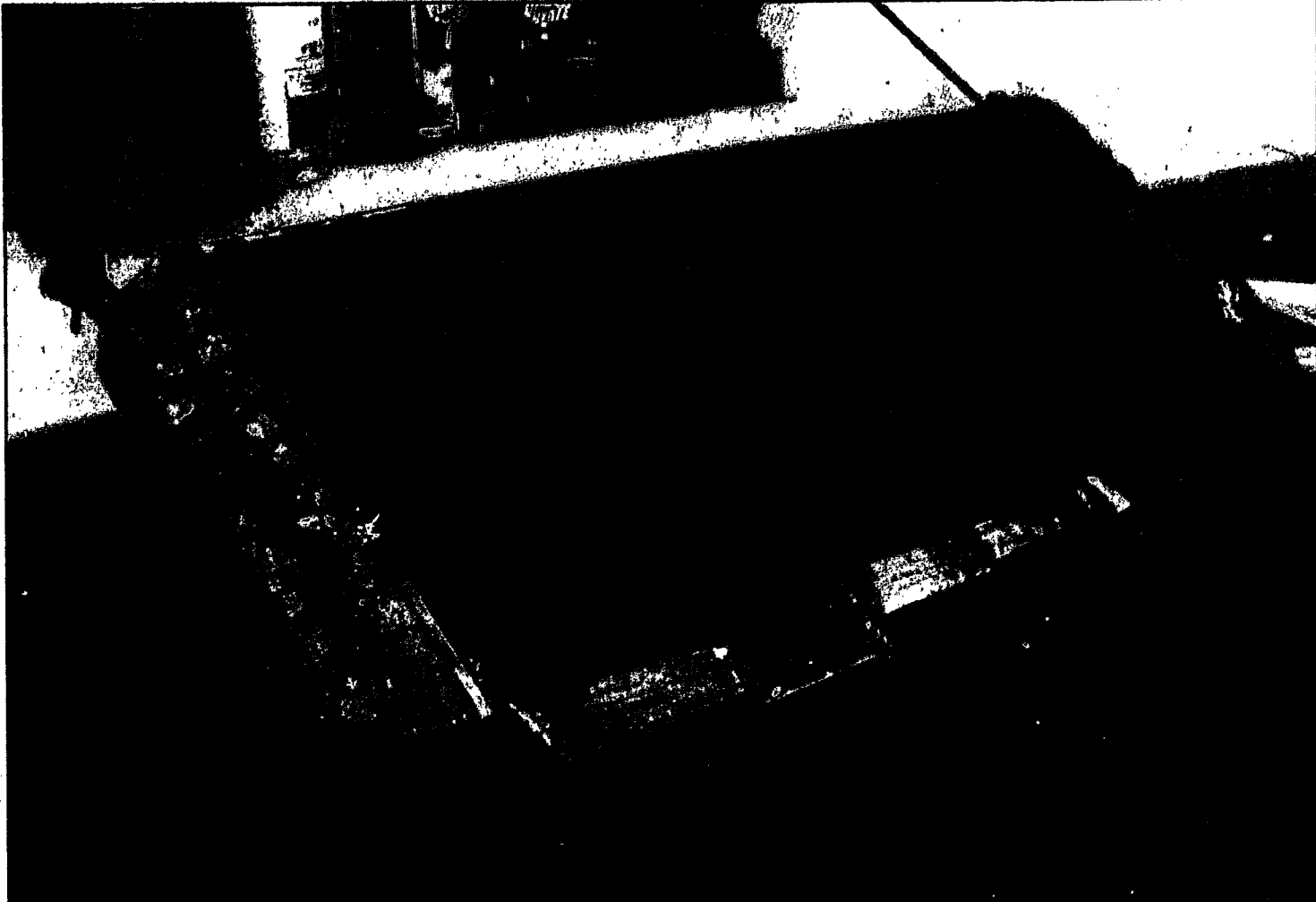
The Hancock County Sheriff's Narcotics Division was alerted and Agent Chris Russell, who is in charge of the narcotics investigation responded.

The vehicle's driver, Miguel A. Urena-Aguilar and passenger, Federico Cervantes Gonzalez, both of Guadalajara, Mexico, were charged with the alleged possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

They were transported and lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility in lieu of \$150,000 each, Malley said.

On Monday, Lt. Broder said, "It was neat the way the radiator was modified to carry the cocaine in a hollowed out section at the bottom and still worked to cool the engine."

Officers reports they are



Hancock County deputies seized around 12 pounds of cocaine Monday after a traffic stop on I-10. The cocaine was hidden in the vehicle's radiator. The vehicle's driver, Miguel A. Urena-Aguilar and passenger, Federico Cervantes Gonzalez, both of Guadalajara, Mexico, were charged with the alleged possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

holding the 1992 Chevrolet Silverado pending forfeiture proceedings.

Also assisting in the drug seizure was Jason J. Perjean, of the Immigrant

Customs Enforcement agency and Deputy Sgt. Jason Chandler and

Reserve Deputy Clarence Hall.

## Mardi Gras

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in beads, beer bottles and food wrappings, very few problems were reported.

On Fat Tuesday, the Krewe of Real People also drew its fair share of praise.

"This is just the best thing ever," Dan Sylvia, of Rock Springs, Wisconsin, after the parade was over. "We don't have anything like this back home."

And the best part, police said Wednesday, is that it happened without incident.

"We didn't even get a complaint from anybody

about anything," Bay St. Louis Assistant Police Chief David Stepro said. "Ours is a more family-oriented event than some other Mardi Gras celebrations."

Parade winners for the St. Paul Carnival Association parade have been announced. Winners include:

- In-town family - Matkin/Taylor, first place; Krewe of Cameron, second place; Hayden Outlaws, third place; Krewe of Priapus, fourth place;

Krewe of Unpredictables, fifth place.

- In-town organization - Krewe of Timber Ridge, first; Krewe of Dauphins, second; and Krewe of Cavaliers, third.

- Out-of-town family - The Krewe of Rowdy Revelers, first place; Krewe of Who, second; Krewe of Hidden Treasures, third; and Krewe of Funtime, fourth.

- Out-of-town organization - Krewe of Kinski, first place; and Krewe of

Friends, second.

- Overall business - Krewe of Gaudy Girls, first place; Jenkins Krewe and Bo II, second.

- Best overall - Krewe of Timber Ridge.

- Best masker - Krewe of Kinski.

Organizers for the Krewe of Real People parade announced before the event that there would be no trophies, because everyone who participated was already a winner.

## Truck -- suspect arrested

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information that a suspect in the truck's theft may be residing in Pearl River County. With this information and other items gathered by the investigation, the arrest of Carver was made," Roan said.

When the truck was discovered by St. Tammany Parish's Sheriff Department they notified the Waveland Police Department, who in turn call the sheriff's office.

Permission was received

to search the place where Carver was apprehended. A jacket of Hurt's left in the locked truck the night it was stolen was also recovered, Roan said.

"During initial questioning Carver gave information saying he removed the truck from Hurt's residence. Then drove it to St. Tammany Parish where he dropped it off and was picked up and returned to his residence," Roan report-

ed.

When Hurt recovered the sheriff office's vehicle, he reported the culprits had removed the police radios, tool box, bug screen, weapons, license plate and did damage to the interior of the vehicle.

The GMC Z-71 was a seized vehicle from a recent 'chop shop' operation and turned over to the sheriff's department four months ago.

Carver has been charged with felony theft of a motor vehicle and firearms and felony possession of firearms. His bond was set at \$250,000 and is lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility, according to Roan.

Assisting Roan in the recent investigation included, Investigators John Luther and Andre' Fizer.

The investigation continues, Hurt added.

## Five arraigned again in scheme

BY MATT VOLZ  
Associated Press Writer

The five defendants in an alleged judicial bribery scheme were arraigned on Monday for a second time on a new indictment that adds extortion to existing charges of bribery, fraud and racketeering.

Supreme Court Justice Oliver Diaz Jr., his ex-wife Jennifer, attorney Paul Minor, and former judges Wes Teel and John Whitfield pleaded innocent in U.S. District Court in Jackson on Monday.

A trial date has not been set. The new indictment canceled the original trial date of March 1, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

A hearing will be held by U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate on March 5 to determine the status of the case and decide on a schedule. It is the second time since last summer the five have been arraigned in the alleged scheme in which Minor is accused of providing cash, loans and gifts to the judges in exchange for favorable decisions.

The new indictment, released by the U.S. Attorney's Office last

Friday, added charges that Minor tried to extort money for Diaz from two attorneys whose case was before the Supreme Court.

Minor allegedly told the attorneys that Diaz had swung the Supreme Court's vote in favor of their client, and then asked for \$20,000 for Diaz while the court considered a motion to rehear the case.

The indictment also expands the dates of Minor's alleged involvement with Diaz to 1994, when Diaz was on the Court of Appeals.

Attorneys for Minor and Oliver Diaz have denied the charges and said prosecutors should not have brought new charges so close to the trial date.

Robert McDuff, Diaz's attorney, said Monday that he is preparing a motion to dismiss the new charges.

The Diazes have a similar motion already pending. That and other motions, including a gag order request by the U.S. Attorney's Office to prevent the defendants' attorneys from talking to the media, are likely to be taken up at the March 5 hearing.

## Theft

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police and detained the two boys."

"Sgt. Kent Malley responded to the call. Malley established the purse was stolen from a neighbor's vehicle. Both youngsters were then turned over to Youth Court

and charged with burglary of a vehicle," Luther said.

One of the 14-year-olds is already on probation from Youth Court, Luther added.

"Alert Diamondhead neighbors really helped in solving this crime," Luther emphasized.

## Little League Softball registration

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball at Lakeshore Field will hold registration on Saturday, February 28th from 10am until 2pm at Waveland Market Center and Diamondhead Supermarket for girls ages 5-18. Registration is \$25 and raffle tickets are avail-

able to sell toward the fee. A copy of birth certificate must also be provided. Adults wishing to volunteer as coaches or umpires must complete a volunteer application and provide a copy of driver's license for background check. For more information call 467-1291 or 467-4220.

## BSL Babe Ruth Baseball registration

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League will conduct registration for children ages 4 through 15 years at the Bay St. Louis baseball complex on Athletic Drive on the following dates: Wednesday,

March 3rd between 5:30 and 8 p.m.; Monday, March 8 between 5:30 and 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 10 between 5:30 and 8 p.m. For more, call Kelly Cannon 467-2323 or Ronnie Artigues 466-9375.

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# Opinion

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

Well, Mardi Gras 2004 is now history and will be marked by the fact many revelers received a good drenching at several of the parades.

There was a break on Mardi Gras day of the rain and it is hoped that everyone did have a good time.

The parades on Saturday and Sunday were very lucky as far as the weather was concerned, as well as the Sunday before.

But Monday's weather was terrible, especially in New Orleans.

Some may think the parading time is over with, but we still have St. Patrick's parades coming in a few weeks.

The Port of Gulfport was sure very busy for several days with the arrival of two monster cruise ships.

For sure the City of New Orleans is suffering big time from the tragic boat collision near the mouth of the Mississippi river last Saturday morning.

Myself, as well as many other residing on the coast would like to see a cruise ship out of the Port of Gulfport on a frequent basis.

Several years ago there was the Russian ship, which Jane and I and several friends had a great time on one cruise.

It was just so convenient to board the ship in Gulfport.

To me in comparing, boarding a cruise ship in New Orleans is about the same as boarding an airplane. Gulfport just leads the way in both instances.

The Port of Gulfport's Authorities and others have been working to secure a cruise ship and hopefully they will be successful in the very near future.

As many of you may recall, last year the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County and Waveland sponsored the 2003 Dixie Softball Ponytails World Series, which was a great success.

The Dixie Softball officials were so impressed, they will this year bring the Dixie Softball Angels World Series.

The Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland and Hancock County will be sponsoring the World Series July 30 through August 5, at the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex.

The girls in the Dixie Softball Angels are 9-10-year-olds and should increase the number of visitors to our area for the series.

Lonnie Falgout has once again accepted the position coordinator for the event, and as last year, there is a need for sponsors and also for volunteers for the World Series.

For further information, give a call at 228-216-0133, Bay City Hall, 467-9092, or Waveland City Hall, 467-4134.

I know from last year, in addition to sponsors there was a need for volunteers to do many tasks.

One again we will have an opportunity to show the great hospitality of great community.

## Bush burned on National Guard record

In his 1995 autobiography, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was angry that many sons of the "powerful and well-placed" managed to "wangle" safe stateside slots in National Guard or Reserve units during the Vietnam War draft.

Powell had no idea then that he would be characterizing the Vietnam-era record of his future boss, President George W. Bush, in the Texas Air National Guard.

After his 1968 Yale graduation, with the draft breathing down his neck, Bush was jumped over 500 others on waiting lists and

given a slot in a Houston-based "champagne unit" of the Texas Air National Guard.

Bush's father was then the U.S. Congressman from the Houston district. A former Texas lieutenant governor has said that at the behest of a Bush friend he spoke to the head of the Texas Air National Guard on the younger Bush's behalf.

Soon after he joined the Air Guard unit, Bush was handed a commission as a Second Lieutenant, some-



### Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

thing the historian of the Texas National Guard says was extremely rare, particularly for anyone without a previous commitment.

Now George W. Bush, as a self-proclaimed "war president" is being put on the hot seat by the media over the gaping holes found in how much duty time he actually spent in the Guard in 1972 and 1973.

Technically he had been transferred to an Alabama Guard unit but it's well-

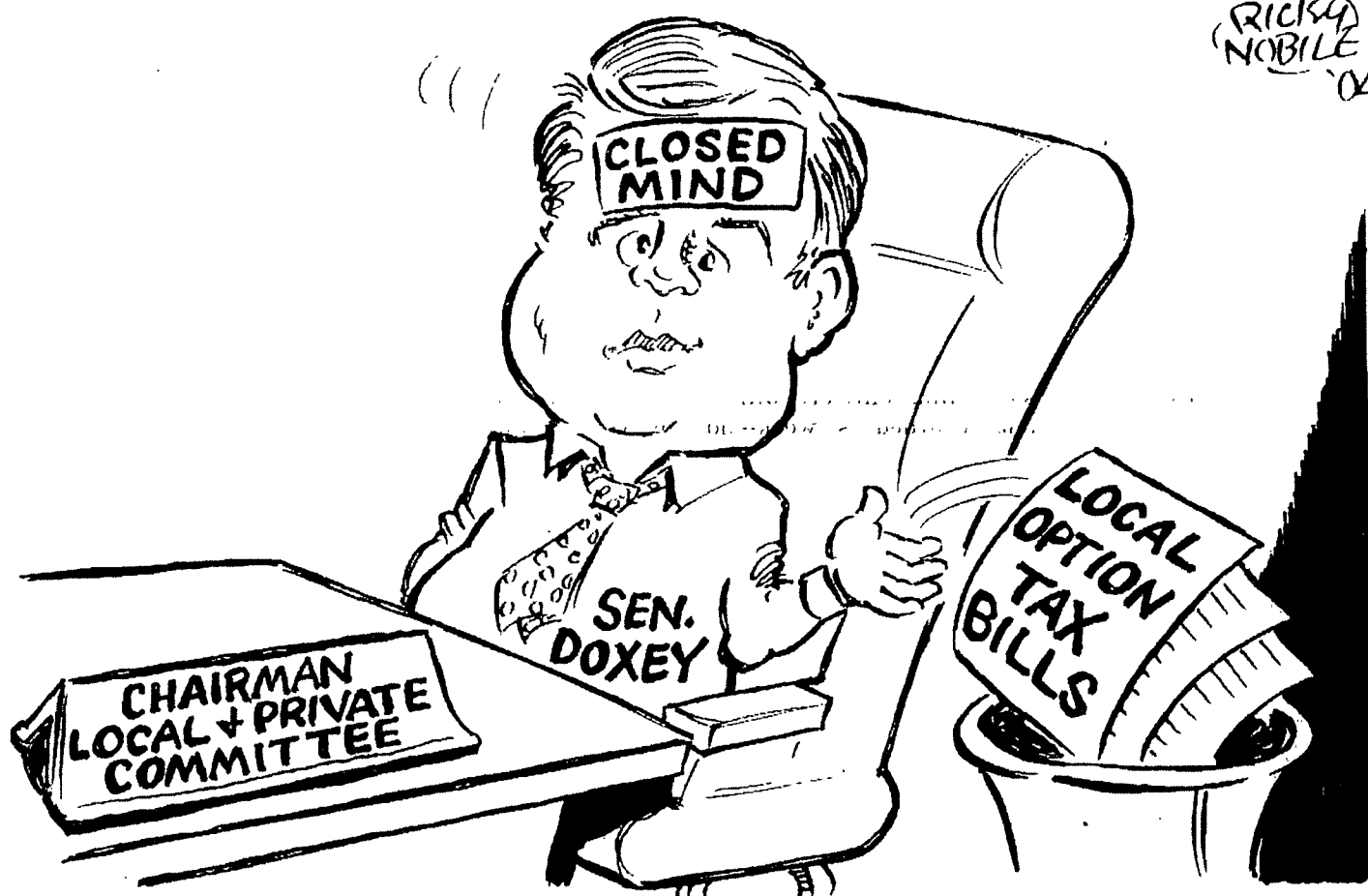
known that W worked for months in the 1972 Senate campaign of his Dad's friend, Winton "Red" Blount.

Plus, recent published accounts have underscored that Bush was a no-show for more than a year, failing to take the required Air Force flight physical exam in October, 1972 to retain his flying status.

Bush's demonstrated cavalier attitude toward his Air National Guard service at a time young Americans were dying in the jungles of Vietnam has been interesting news copy, especially

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## NOW THAT ALL COMMITTEES ARE OPEN....



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## Parent concerned about new uniform policy at Hancock

Dear Editor

As a parent of two middle school aged children I am very concerned about the new school uniform policy. The policy is far too strict.

I just want parents to know that they will have to go out and buy a complete new wardrobe for their child or children from shoes, to socks, to coats, as only certain uniform styles will be allowed.

We have been in a school system which has had uniforms and I know that it is an extra expense, and yes, they look great at first, but in a while they look faded and stained, and according to this policy if your child is not clean they will be suspended.

I would like to know

where the money is coming from to buy clothes for those children who can't afford them? Surely that money could be used for things that we really do need, like text books.

Certain people would have us believe that everybody is going to uniforms, but there are 21 schools in the Harrison County district that do not wear uniforms.

Long Beach parents were allowed to vote on uniforms, and they voted no. So why are we not allowed to vote?

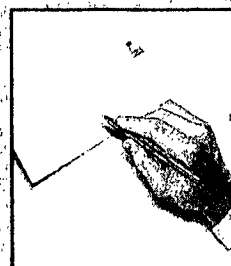
If you would like to know more about this policy I urge you to attend the public forum on Feb. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Hancock Middle School.

Diane Hightower

## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten, and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



## Near shore dredging may result in drownings

I was pre-teen when I watched the beach in front of Clermont Harbor be pumped in. I am now in my mid-50s.

I have heard every excuse imaginable as to why our beach could not be replaced.

"There is no money"; "The A.C.O.E. rejected the (application)"; "There is rare grass"; "You just got a pier, aren't you people ever happy?" Another one, "I'm only one vote on the Board."

Well, I'm not the sharpest tack on the bulletin board, but it has dawned on me that there's not a single supervisor on the Hancock Board that likes or even cares about Clermont Harbor. I nearly ran into the beach when I saw, there, in front of our little beach, is the dredger - within shouting distance of the Beach Road!

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## Obituaries

**DORIS AMADORO**  
**SIDNEY CARVER**  
**JEANNE COKER**  
**JOHN DUCOTE JR.**  
**ROSIE FARVE**  
**GEORGE KROST**  
**LOREAN NECAISE**  
**BERNICE**

**PERNICIARO**  
**MARGUERITE POSEY**

**DORIS AMADORO**

Mrs. Doris M. Amadoro, 82, a resident of Long Beach died on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Amadoro was a native of Atlantic City, N.J., and a resident of Atlantic County most of her life, but spent the last six years residing in Long Beach.

She was a lifelong aspiring writer with many accomplishments. Mrs. Amadoro was a devoted mother and very loved by her family. Her wisdom will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Amadoro is preceded in death by her parents, Harold J. and Charlotte Mae Andrews Benton; and her husband, Anthony J. Amadoro.

She is survived by her three sons, Edwin (Jo Ann) Carlsen of Long Beach, Tony (Marilyn) Amadoro of Archibald, Pa., and Joe Amadoro of Philadelphia, Pa.; three daughters, Deborah (Chuck) Mays of Kiln, Bonita Amadoro of Reading, Pa., and Christine (Robert) Scarlett of Pleasantville, N.J.; one brother, Robert Benton of Brington, N.J.; 11 grandchildren, Shawn Carlsen, Jennie Minver, Albert and Christian Quellet, Jennifer Buchanna, Crystal Buchanna, Tiffany Buchanna, Aaron Mays, Joe Amadoro, Kerry Amadoro, Michael Amadoro and Robert Scarlett; and 11 great-grandchildren, Tim, Robbie, Brianna, Jonathan, Albert V., Amber, Taylor, Sonia, Brian, Christopher and Alexander.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Long Beach Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home. A

visitation will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Parsels Funeral Home in Absecon, N.J. beginning at 12:30 p.m. followed by a graveside service at 2 p.m. at Laurel Memorial Park in Pomona, N.J.

**SIDNEY CARVER**

Sidney Joseph Carver, 51, of Bay St. Louis died Saturday, February 21, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. He was a Veteran serving in the U.S. Army during Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joshua Dean Carver and parents, Harry J. and Selma Ruth Richardson Carver.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Carver of Bay St. Louis, MS; son, Daniel Joseph Carver of Parchman, MS; step daughter, Michelle Oremann of New Orleans, LA; 2 half sisters, Gloria Strong and Juanita Bedeaux both of Bay St. Louis, MS; 1 grandchild, Devin Oremann of New Orleans, LA.

Services will be held at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

**JEANNE COKER**

Jeanne D. Coker, 79, of Pass Christian died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, in Pass Christian. Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, downtown chapel in Gulfport.

**JOHN DUCOTE JR.**

John Ellis Ducote Jr., 51, of Bay St. Louis died Saturday, February 21, 2004, in Gulfport, MS.

He was a native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. He was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Ellis and Doris Leonard Ducote.

Survivors include a sister, Pamela Bowler of Harahan, LA.

A visitation will be held Thursday, February 26, 2004 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 12 to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral

Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**ROSIE FARVE**

Mrs. Rosie M. Dedeaux Farve, 74, a longtime resident of Pass Christian died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, in Pass Christian.

She was born in DeLisle on Dec. 10, 1929. She later married the late Peter Farve. She was a member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nerven Dedeaux and Effie Martin Dedeaux; two sisters, Brenda Joyce Dedeaux and Almida Carter; one son, Gene L. Dedeaux.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary C. Dedeaux; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Legia Venable of Las Vegas, Clara M. Dedeaux and Mrs. Rose Mary (Irene) Baker, both of Pass Christian, and Alma A. (William) Welch of Diamondhead; two brothers, Ret. Sgt. Nerven J. (Bishop Carol) Dedeaux of Fayetteville, N.C., and Anthony Dedeaux of Katy, Texas, and his wife, Theresa Dedeaux, of Los Angeles; and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian with services following at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Biloxi National Cemetery. J.T. Hall Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**GEORGE KROST**

George Franklin Krost, 48, of Bay St. Louis, MS died February 23, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was of the Catholic Faith. He was former owner of the Magnolia Janitorial Service.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Frances Bell Krost.

He is survived by his four daughters, Jenny Krost, Gwyn Krost, Nikki Krost, and Haley Krost all of Bay St. Louis, MS; father, Franklin Krost of Bay St. Louis, MS and two grandchildren, Colby Krost and Brittney Caspolich both of Bay St. Louis, MS.

A visitation will be held of Friday, February 27, 2004 from 9-10 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

The Procession will leave the funeral home at 10:15 a.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Interment will follow in the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the

arrangements.

**LOREAN NECAISE**

Lorean Lee Necaise, 65, of Gulfport went to be with the Lord on Feb. 20, 2004, at Woodland Village Nursing Home in Diamondhead with her family by her side. She was diagnosed several years ago with a very rare brain disease and a fought a long, courageous battle with help and support from the staff at Woodland Village Nursing Home that also became a part of her family.

Mrs. Necaise was born and raised in the Bienville Community. Mrs. Necaise and her husband of 50 years, Kenneth Necaise moved to Gulfport to raise their family. Working as a seamstress was the first job she endured before becoming a hairdresser. For 23 years, she owned and operated The Hairpin Beauty Salon.

Mrs. Necaise was of the Baptist faith and was actively involved in her church. She spent her life serving the Lord. Family was the focal point of her life. She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

She is preceded in death by her parents, August and Dora Lee; her brother, Samuel Lee; and two sisters, Blondie Everett and Willie Mae Jarrell.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Necaise; three daughters and their husbands, Rio and Miriam Graves, Joey and Annette Moran and Terry and Karen Peterson; a son and his wife, Kevin and Penny Necaise; nine grandchildren, Amity Graves, Brooklyn Graves, Terrence Peterson, and wife, Krystal Peterson, Kael Peterson, Ty Peterson, Adam Moran, Destin Andrews Necaise and Taylor Necaise; one great-grandchild, Bryce Peterson; two sisters, Lillie Blackwell and Pauline Chandler; a brother, Clarence Lee; and several special nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 23, at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, the downtown chapel in Gulfport. Interment was in Evergreen Gardens.

**BERNICE**

**PERNICIARO**

Bernice Perniciaro, 49, of Pass Christian died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Perniciaro was a native and lifelong resident of Waveland and was a dispatcher for the Waveland Police Department.

Mrs. Perniciaro was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Gloria Perniciaro; and a brother, Frank Joseph Perniciaro.

Survivors include her sister, Gloria Perniciaro of Bay St. Louis; nieces, Tammy Chiffi of Bay St. Louis and Amy Gibson of Waveland; a nephew, Jordan Perniciaro of Bay St. Louis; and five

grand-nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Monday, Feb. 23, at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

**MARGUERITE POSEY**

Marguerite Taylor Posey, 87, of Philadelphia, Miss., died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004.

She was a native of Newton County, but moved to Philadelphia early in life. Mrs. Posey was a member of First Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thurman James Posey; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Taylor Sr.; and two brothers, W.T. Taylor Jr. and W.C. Taylor.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Posey Bleil and her husband, Dr. Bruce T. Bleil, of Pass Christian; grandsons, Michael S. Kendrick of Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. David J. Houser of Biloxi; step-grandchildren, Varina E. Bleil of Los Angeles and Bryan C. Bleil of San Ramon, Calif.; great-grandchild, Jessica Kendrick; and step-great-grandchildren, Becca and Bria Bleil.

Visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 22, at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Services were held Monday, Feb. 23, at the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Services Inc. in Philadelphia. Pallbearers were Bob Posey, John Posey, Rudy Posey, Al Posey, Hal Posey and Jimmy Holmes.

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When I am gone, Release me, Let me go... I have so many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love, you can only guess how much happiness that you have given me. Thank you for the love each of you have given me. I thank you for the love each of you have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone... So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must be apart so bless the memories that lie within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will come, though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart you'll hear all of my love around you soft and clear. And then when you must come this way alone... I'll greet you with a smile and

*"Welcome home"*  
 Love & Miss You Always,  
 Your husband, John  
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*The family of Bryant Keyes*

of Waveland, wishes to thank and acknowledge our appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown by family, friends and strangers during our time of bereavement. His sudden death was a great shock to us, but the kindness shown by all helped pull us through with many kind memories of each and every one of you. A very special thanks to Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis and to North Shore Medical Center in Slidell, LA. Special thanks to Dr. Carl E. Lowder, Nurses Danny Cain, Ben and all in ICU for all their hard work and trying to help him and us during a trying time for us. To each and everyone of you who helped and expressed sorrow, we extend our thanks.

Mother - Carolyn Byrd;  
 Daughters - Felicia & Breanna

*In Loving Memory of Our Parents, Charles and Bernice Poolson*



When evening shadows fall and the stars come out so bright We sit and think of you, Mom and Dad, night after night And as we say our prayers to Our Father in Heaven above We ask Him to tell you how we miss you and to tell you of our love Precious memories and your pictures are all that we have left Since God called both of you to that beautiful land above. We hope and pray when Our Savior calls us to His home some day We will meet you again, Mom and Dad and be with you forever to stay Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday Sadly missed by, Your Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren and Families.

**Adopt-A-Stream workshop set**

Do you enjoy fishing, canoeing, or swimming in Mississippi's streams and rivers? Are you concerned about the quality of the waters in your area?

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and the Mississippi Wildlife Federation have partnered to create a unique program that involves citizens like you in stream monitoring and stewardship. The next Adopt-A-Stream Workshop will be held on March 24-25 at Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg. To find out more information on how you can get involved and make a difference, call 601-961-5328 or 601-206-5703.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Favre receives tourism award

The Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA) presented their annual awards for tourism achievement for the year 2003 during activities at the Governor's Conference on Tourism held at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Miss. on Feb. 10-12, 2004.

The awards program recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of tourism by members of the 325-member private sector organization as well as honoring travel media, community volunteers and governmental friends of the industry. Awards were presented in 15 categories, each focusing on a different aspect of the hospitality industry or individual achievement.

"Special recognition should be given to these industry leaders for their outstanding accomplishments. We are happy to have the opportunity to honor the winners of these awards as we truly appreciate their dedication not only to our organization but to the entire tourism industry," said Beth Carriere of Bay St. Louis, president of the MTA.

The award winners for 2003 include:

**Festival/Event of the year**-125th Annual National Guard Association of the United States Convention and Exhibition. Cited for holding the largest conference ever hosted on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, breaking attendance records and utilizing seven hotel properties.

**Travel Attraction of the year**-Walter Anderson Museum of Art. Cited for its success in incorporating concerts, lectures, gallery walks and children's programs in a museum that recognizes one of America's great artists.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau of the Year** - \$250,000 - \$500,000 - Hattiesburg CVB. Cited for implementing many new programs, which cover a wide range of activities including tourism marketing, tourism development and facility management.

**Governmental Friend of Tourism** - Mayor Edward Favre, of Bay St. Louis. Cited for consistently participating in the growth and enhancement of Bay St. Louis tourism in numerous ways.

**Tourism Achievement Award** (two winners)-Tim Hinkley, President of Isle of Capri Casino. Cited for setting the gaming industry's presence on its current course for Mississippi. He has held key roles in local and state gaming associations, MTA and he now holds a "Mississippi" seat on the board of the American Gaming Association.

MTA Member of the year - Annette Rand, Senior Manager of Tourism Sales for the Mississippi Gulf Coast CVB. Cited for her dedication to promoting the state of Mississippi and for her service to MTA. Rand has served on the MTA board over 5 years and has chaired the Governor's Conference on Tourism for the past two years.

## Haas joins BCI

Laura R. Haas, a six-year veteran of the House Armed Services Committee staff, has joined Washington-based Brown and Company, Inc. (BCI) as an Associate.

Brown and Company, Inc. is the Washington representative for the American Shipbuilding Association (ASA), which represents the nation's six commercial shipyards, and manages the ASA's legislative agenda, which entails promoting budgets and policies that will strengthen the shipbuilding industrial base to ensure the industrial capability to continue to produce the most advanced ships in the world to defend America's security interests.

BCI President Cynthia Brown said, "We are delighted Laura has agreed to join Brown and Company. Her legislative experience on the House Armed Services Committee makes her a tremendous addition to our legislative team."

"I'm looking forward to working for all of BCI's clients, and specifically for the American Shipbuilding Association. When you grow up on the Coast, where Ingalls Shipyard is a mainstay, and shipbuilding is the bread and butter of the community, you learn to appreciate its importance to both our national security and our economy. Working

with ASA will allow me to continue to contribute to the place I call home."

Haas, the daughter of The Honorable and Mrs. Michael D. Haas, Sr., is a native of Bay St. Louis. She started her tenure on the Capitol Hill as an intern for Congressman Gene Taylor (D-MS), during the summer of 1992. Upon graduation in 1994 from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi, she joined the staff of Congressman Taylor, and "in 1995 was appointed to serve on the staff of the House Armed Services Committee, where her knowledge of the Defense Department's programs and policies were developed. Haas served under the leadership of 3 Chairmen, the late Floyd Spence (R-SC), the late Bob Stump (R-AZ); and current Chairman, Duncan Hunter (R-CA). In addition to her time on the Hill, she served as a Government Relations Consultant to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, Board of Directors.

Brown and Company, Inc. is a full service consulting firm specializing in congressional relations, business development, and federal contracting and regulatory matters on behalf of defense, transportation, information technology, and education businesses.

## More Mississippians working

Mississippi closed out 2003 with more people employed than in the last two years, and there were fewer large-scale layoffs during the year, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission reported Friday.

In 2003 there were 1,240,300 Mississippians employed. This figure was up from 2002 when there were 1,209,800 employed in the state and is also up from 2001 when 1,233,900 were employed.

The highest employment level was recorded in 2000 when there were 1,251,000 workers in Mississippi. The 2000 numbers were recorded before the county went into a recession.



## Recognized

The Vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Corps General Peter Pace, left, congratulates Major David Koger, an Army Reserve officer from Diamondhead, on being named a Joint Chiefs of Staff, "action officer of the month."

## Koger named Action Officer of the Month

Major David Koger, a US Army Reserve officer from Diamondhead, was recently named "Action Officer of the Month," for his contributions to the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Richard Myers.

The Vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Peter Pace, presented Major Koger with a coveted "chairman's challenge coin" during a brief ceremony in the Pentagon's National Military Command Center.

Major Koger is assigned to the Joint Staff's Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate as a political and military affairs advisor on Middle East issues. He began a one-year period of active duty in April 2003.

This is his second tour of active reserve duty since September 11th. From September 2001 until November 2002, Major Koger served within the inner circles of the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) working directly for General Tommy Franks during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

He was the military advisor to CENTCOM's State Department liaison office, lead by a U.S. Ambassador who advised General Franks on international political issues. Before the CENTCOM tour ended, he received two decorations, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal, for his efforts during the campaign in Afghanistan.

He first enlisted in the Army in 1974 and served as a military policeman. He was commissioned in 1983 through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps program at the University of Colorado, and served on active duty as an officer for ten years. Later, he joined the Defense Intelligence Agency as a senior civilian analyst and counterterror-

## Clinic donates to schools

In honor of February, Dental Hygiene Month, Diamondhead Dental Clinic is donating approximately 500 Goody Bags to local schools. Goody Bags will be complete with toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and education activities. Videos will be donated to the school library for educational enhancement. Donations are scheduled for today and Friday.

## Correspondent to speak in Diamondhead this morning

Patrick Peterson, war reporter for The Sun Herald, will be the guest speaker for the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association's monthly meeting this morning at 8 a.m. in the Diamondhead Country Club.

Peterson was an embedded media member during the Iraq War when the troops were on the march to Baghdad. He will share stories that never made it to print and photo slides of what he saw and experienced.

The Business After Hours will be the same day from 5-7 p.m. hosted by Bonita and Scott Favre at Favre's on the Bayou Restaurant on Kiln-Delisle Rd.

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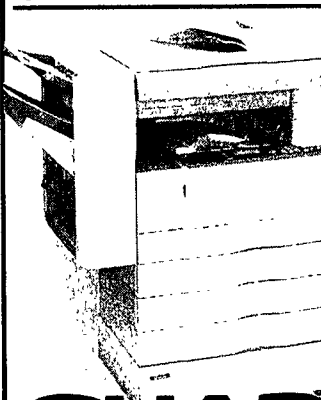
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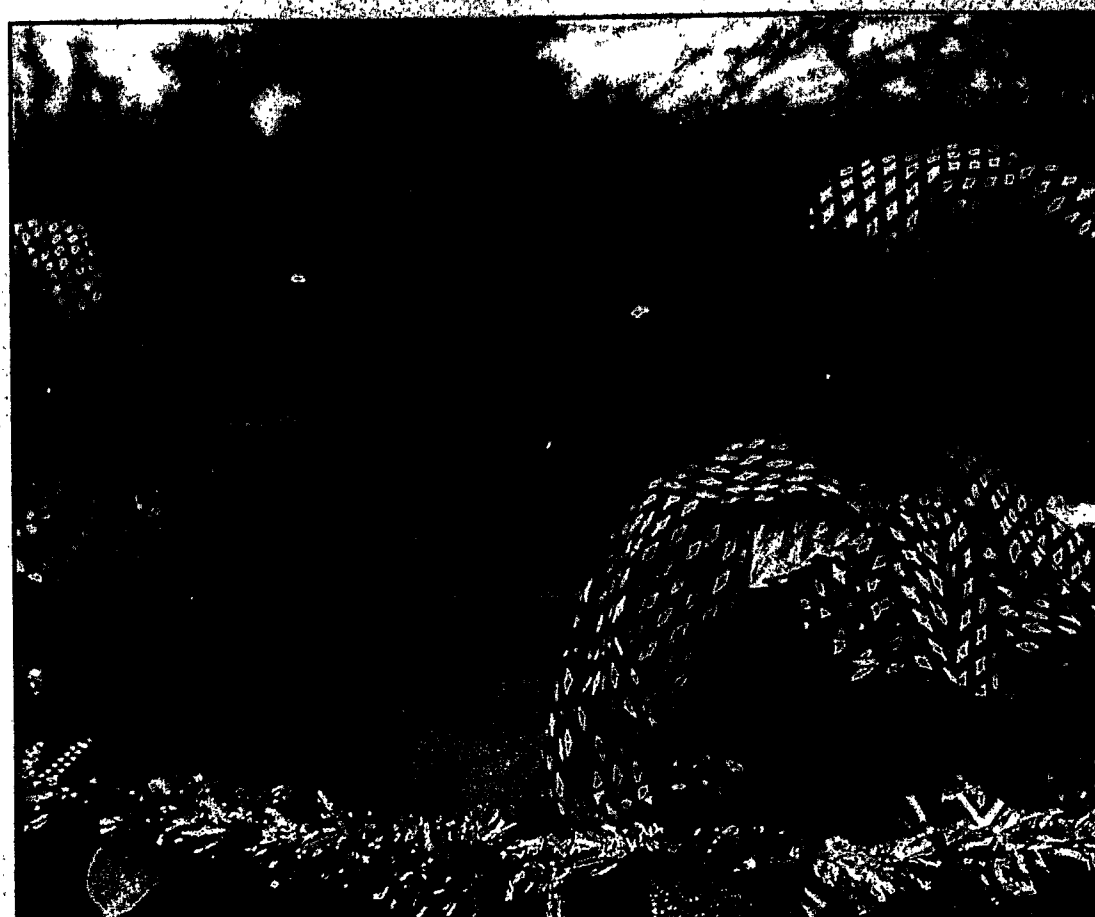
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St. Paul's Carnival Association Parade rolled through Pass Christian on Sunday, Feb. 22.

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# Sports



## Winners

The Bay Area Youth Soccer League (BAYS) U-10 Girls team, coached by Joel Duncan, took top honors at the Great Day of Soccer Tournament hosted by the South Mississippi Soccer Club (SMSC) in Gulfport. The team accumulated the most team points overall during the two-day tournament. Teams represented at this tournament included BAYS, Southwest Jackson, Orange Grove, Long Beach, and Gulfport. The team also took first place at the Turkey Shootout Tournament in Gulfport. Team members include Ashleigh Hoda, front row at left, Jordan Duncan, Blake Stefano, Mattison Scardino, Sarah Mirandy, and standing Amanda Solome, at left, Emma McRaney, Savannah Crosby and Brooke Thomas.



## First tournament

The BAYS U-8 girls team, competing in their first tournament, placed 3rd. The girls played outstanding even though the weather was both wet and cold. Team members include Maycee Scardino, front row at left, Halley Furlan, Jennah Duncan, and standing at left, Jordan Rayburn and Abby Gollott.

## DWGAN results

BY SALLY LINDSLEY  
Winners of the following Diamondhead Nines golf events were:

**December 2-Trophy Day**  
1st Flight-Low Gross-Terrie Garrett; Low Net-Sue Campbell; Low Putts-Maureen Holt; 2nd Flight-Low Gross-Lorna Decker; Low Net-Peggy Satterlee; Low Putts-Bettisue Hendrix; 3rd Flight-Low Gross-Shirley Hopes; Low Net-Emilie Abell; Low Putts-Betty Reddock Birdie and Chip-in #5-Sue Stevens; Chip-Ins- Carol Perry #3, Diane Ackerman #8.

**December 9-Christmas Luncheon** - Rained out, but luncheon was great!

**December 16-Poker-1st Flight** - 1st-Terrie Garrett; 2nd-Carol Hare; 3rd-Emmy Swink; 2nd Flight- 1st-Bobbie Sorgenfrei; 2nd-Shirley Hopes; 3rd-Rose

Hill; 3rd Flight- 1st-Shirley DeJean; 2nd-Joan Caan; 3rd-Liz Bertucci Birdie-Clare Chauffe #2

**December 23 and December 30**, no play scheduled

**January 6-Rained out**  
**January 13-Mulligan**- 1st Flight-1st-Sue Campbell; 2nd-Emmy Swink; 3rd-Diane Ackerman; 2nd Flight-1st-Charlene Smuck; 2nd-Marilyn Dehnostel; 3rd-Jerri Guidroz; 3rd flight- 1st-Emilie Abell; 2nd-Betty Reddock; 3rd-Joan Caan Chip-In Sue Campbell, Delores Louvier; Birdie-Sue Campbell

**January 20-Rained out**  
**January 27-Scramble**- 1st-Terri Garrett, Carol Perry; 2nd-Jerry Ingraham, Carrie Perkins, Mimi Alef; 3rd-Emmy Swink, Liz Bertucci, Betty Reddock Chip-In-Jerry Ingraham

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"We welcome all American Quarter Horse owners as well as anyone who has a passion for horses," said Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President. "AQHA shows are fun, and anybody who has ever want-

ed to get involved with horses or compete at an AQHA Show is encouraged to attend."

Each year, AQHA approves more than 2,700 shows and special events across the globe. For more information about the Sun N Fun QHS, please contact Nancy L. Russ, 228-533-7031.

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# Sports

## SSC, Lady Tigers & Lady Hawks all advance on court

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The state playoffs in high school basketball opened on Monday, February 23 with first round girls action. Two area teams participated - the Bay High Lady Tigers and the Hancock Lady Hawks.

The Bay High Lady Tigers, Division 8-4A champion, entertained the Northeast Lauderdale Lady Trojans, Division 5-4A fourth seed, in the 4A matchup while Hancock, Region 5-5A runner-up, traveled to tradition-rich Harrison Central, Region 6-5A champion.

The Lady Tigers (25-5) put on a clinic with their post play inside on both ends of the floor.

Bay High scored the game's first eight points and led at the end of the first period 21-5 en route to a 65-34 win.

Destiny Porter led the team with 21 points and 7 rebounds. She scored 9 points in the first period and the other 12 points in the third period. Kendra Reed added 19 points and 14 rebounds in the win. Shaquita Bell led the Lady Trojans with 11 points.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "They had a height disadvantage inside. Our inside game was working and we stuck with it. The guard play tonight was solid. We were able to handle their press and we moved the ball well, especially in transition."

The Lady Tigers led 34-14 at halftime and did not let up in the third period. Porter scored the first eight point of the third frame as the Lady Trojans had no answer for the inside game of Bay High. Bay High led at the end of three periods 52-23.

The Lady Tigers used the fourth period to run substitutes in and out as every team member saw minutes on the court.

The Lady Tigers will meet the winner of the South Pike/South Jones matchup on Thursday, February 26 at a site that is

to be determined. The top site for the 4A girls tournament is Petal followed by Northeast Jones and McComb.

The Lady Hawks (25-4) defeated the Harrison Central Red Rebelettes 52-49 in a nailbiter that gives the 5A girls South State tournament to Hancock on February 27-28.

The score was tied at 39-39 heading into the final period of play. Hancock appeared in control with a 7-0 run to open the final stanza; however, Harrison Central went on a 8-4 run to bring them within one point at 50-49 with 1:49 left to play.

A double-dribble by the Red Rebelettes gave the ball back to the Lady Hawks and Shondrea Lee sealed the win with two free throws with less than :30 remaining.

Courtney Craft and Amanda Arcement each scored 12 points to lead Hancock while Petra Vackova added 11 points. Hancock will play Moss Point in Kiln on Friday, February 27.

On Tuesday, February 24, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws, Bay High Tigers, and Pass Christian Pirates all played in the first round of the boys South State playoffs.

The Rocks, #2-seed from Division 8-4A, hosted the Wayne County War Eagles, the #3-seed from Division 5-4A. The Rocks came out on fire and played controlled basketball in the second half for a 66-48 win and advance to the second round of the playoffs.

SSC's Rob Murray opened the game with a basket in the lane. Cedric Jones tied the game with shot underneath the basket. The two teams traded baskets once again with Mario Faranda sinking one for SSC and David Howard making one for Wayne County. But, with 6:20 left in the opening period, Ramsey Shawa banked one in to give the Rocks the lead for good at 6-4.

The Rocks pushed their lead to 21-12 by the end of

the first period keyed by an 8-2 run. Shawa scored four points during the run for SSC.

Darius Acker got untracked for the Rocks in the second period scoring 15 points as SSC doubled the War Eagles at halftime 44-22.

Wayne County came firing back in the third period as they used a 15-4 run to cut the Rocks' lead to 48-37 with 2:53 left in the period. SSC ran off five unanswered points to end the period ahead 53-37.

Darius Acker led all scorers with 27 points, 6 assists and 5 steals. Mario Faranda added 12 points and 11 rebounds followed by Ramsey Shawa's 10 points. Ron Murray had 8 points to go along with 9 assists.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We played about as well as we have played all year in the first half. I felt the only thing we did not do well was come out in the third period with a killer instinct. However, we were able to withstand their run and get back on track. I am very proud of the way we played."

Wayne County was led by David Howard with 14 points followed by Cedric Jones with 12 points and Kemarcus West with 10 points. Jones is also an All-State defensive end for the 4A state champion War Eagle football team and signed with the Golden Eagles of USM.

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The Bay High Tigers and the Pass Christian Pirates, the #3-seed and #4-seed from Division 8-4A, both traveled for their first round playoff games on Tuesday, February 24.

Bay High hit the road to Mendenhall, the #2-seed from Division 5-4A runner-up, while Pass Christian found their way to Quitman, the champion of Division 5-4A.

Bay High fell to Mendenhall, the #2-seed from Division 5-4A, by the score of 75-67. The Tigers were down 70-67 in the waning moments of the game and had to foul. Lorenzo Lewis led Bay High with 23 points followed by Marquez Singleton with 21 points and Javon Williams with 15 points.

The Pass Christian Pirates were nipped by Quitman, the #1-seed from Division 5-4A, by the score of 53-52. Scoring details were not available at press time.

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## The Brook-Lin Center wins again

The Brook-Lin Center's Gymnastic Team of Diamondhead, Ms. traveled to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to compete in the Hilton Head Island Gymnastics Invitational the weekend of January 31, 2004. The invitational was hosted by Rockdale Gymnastics from Georgia. This prestigious competition consisted of over 900 competitors traveling from over 10 different states including New York, Pennsylvania, & Florida, with many of these teams having former national champions. The Brook-Lin Center's Team X-Cel stood their own against the fierce competition, placing 1st in several events, including the all-around. The Level 7 & Level 9 team each placed 3rd in the team competition. The Brook-Lin Center gymnastic team is coached by Terry Kruchowsky. The individual results are as follows:

Level 7  
3rd Place Team Award  
Jenna Gibson (7-11 yr. olds): 1st All-around, 6th

Vault, 1st Bars, 1st Beam, 3rd Floor Clara Pratt (12-13yr. olds): 2nd All-around, 3rd Vault, 2nd Bars, 3rd Beam; 3rd Floor Amy Bramlett (12-13yr. olds): 1st Vault, 4th Beam Logan Wilkerson (14yr. olds): 4th All-around, 5th Vault, 4th Bars, 1st Beam, 4th Floor Level 8

Kaitlin Green (15yr olds): 2nd All-around, 6th Vault, 4th Bars, 1st Beam, 6th Floor Level 9

3rd Place Team Award  
Charlie Zoerner (13yr. olds): 5th All-around, 4th Vault, 3rd Bars, 2nd Floor Alysha Pretzello (14-15yr olds): 3rd All-around, 2nd Vault, 1st Bars, 4th Beam, 10th Floor Amanda Dearman (14-15yr olds): 1st All-around, 3rd Vault, 3rd Bars, 5th Beam, 1st Floor

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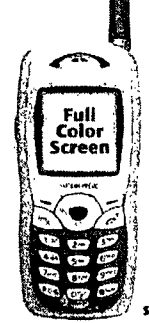
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# Sports

## Hancock's Necaise finds her fit

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, the Hancock Lady Hawks have produced a Division I womens' basketball signee. Lady Hawks guard Brooke Necaise signed with Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond during the early signing period in November.

The high school Prep All-American and two-time All-State tournament player has started on the varsity team since her eighth grade year. She has led her team to two state tournament appearances and is looking to lead her team to the state title game this season.

Necaise commented, "This year has been a fun one so far. While I am looking forward to college next year, I am staying in the moment and working hard to hopefully help my team go all the way this season. I started the season with an injury that sidelined me for a few weeks. It has been a tough road back but my teammates have kept the

pressure up and we are working hard to reach the goals we have set for ourselves."

SLU is located in Hammond, Louisiana, and is not a far distance from Kiln. They participate in the Southland Conference against teams like the University of Louisiana-Monroe, Lamar University, Nicholls State University, Stephen F. Austin University, and the University of Texas at El Paso.

She glanced forward to next year and stated, "College is the next level. Athletically, I need to learn to shoot the ball quicker,

increase my range, and become a better defender. SLU was also a terrific fit for me from an educational standpoint. I want to major in nursing and they have a highly respected nursing school. However, the main reason I chose SLU was because I felt the most at home there. The coaching staff and the players really felt like family to me. To be

comfortable around the ones that I plan to spend the next few years of my life was a major aspect of my decision."

Some of the other schools that showed major interest in Necaise were Ole Miss, Tulane, University of South Alabama, Texas Christian University, University of Louisiana-Monroe, Memphis, and Missouri.

Hancock head coach commented on Necaise, "Brooke Necaise has been a tremendous asset to this school. She has played like a warrior. Brooke is a true competitor in every sense of the word."

"She has been a consistent force for us the past five years. I am very glad to see all the good things that are coming to her because she deserves it."

While Necaise has been a force on the court, she has brought that tenacity over to the classroom and other extracurriculars. She is an honor student and involved in school activities outside of basketball. Necaise com-

mented, "My time at Hancock High School has been tremendous. Academically, it is the ideal school. Athletically, playing at Hancock means that you are playing at a school that is steeped in tradition. It is good competition here at Hancock both on the court and off."

Having fought back from an early season injury that required surgery, Necaise has her team sporting a #5 ranking in the state and a 24-3 overall record. While Necaise is excited about what college holds in store for her, her graduation from Hancock, and the dwindling time left with her senior classmates, there is only one thing she is concentrating on, "I just want to do my best to help my team go as far as they can this year."

Brooke Necaise has worked hard on and off the court and success has followed her every move. Who knows it just might tag along with Necaise and the Lady Hawks through early March.

## Wildcats smash Holmes 90-75

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The defending state champion Pearl River Wildcats blew out Holmes 90-75 in Monday's first-round action of the MACJC State Tournament underway at Northeast Mississippi and now eyes Jones Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the semi-finals.

Jones, 21-3 after Monday's 84-78 victory over Mississippi Delta to open the tournament, grabbed the South's No. 1 seed in the post-season event after a heart-stopping 79-78 overtime victory over the Wildcats to wrap the regular season last Thursday in Elkhartville.

PRCC improved to 17-8 overall with the win over the Bulldogs, while Holmes dropped to 17-8.

Pearl River head coach Richard Mathis was obviously pleased.

"We played well and that's something we've been struggling with the last couple of weeks of the regular season," he said. "We couldn't seem to establish any consistency, but with the exception of the last few minutes of today's game, we played about as well as we could. We played good offense, good defense, rebounded...but we've still got a long road ahead."

Holmes, which ended the Wildcats' season last March in the Region 23 semi-finals with a one-point victory off a buzzer-beating try less than a week after PRCC dropped Northwest for its third state title in 9 years, never lead in the game, but managed to cut the Wildcats lead to 2 points midway in the first half.

Wildcat forward Larry Brackins shined, bucketing a game-high 25 points. He hit 8 of 11 field goal attempts, including an even more impressive 4-of-6 effort from 3-point range.

"Larry played



PRCC Sports Information Photo By Mitch Deaver

**Pearl River point guard Jacoby Rawls (20) dished off a game-high 8 assists in the Wildcats' 90-75 first-round victory over Holmes in the MACJC State Tournament Monday in Booneville. Rawls headed to the foul line after this foul and sank a pair of free throws for his only points in the game. PRCC faced South Division champ Jones yesterday in the semi-final round.**

well...everybody played well," Mathis continued. "Larry and a couple of other guys got into a little foul trouble in the first half, but overcame that and went on to play a great game."

Mathis lauded guard Carlos Cole for his defensive play, despite the fact the sophomore out of Hattiesburg High scored 16 points, hit 2 treys, hauled in

6 boards, grabbed 4 steals, and went 6-of-6 at the foul line.

"Carlos was a huge part of that win, but it was his defense against (Terrance) Akins that was impressive and proved to be a big factor," Mathis said. "He (Akins) wound up with 21 points, but Carlos shut him down when it counted."

Pearl River built its lead

to 10 points some 8 minutes into the game before Holmes rallied back with an 8-0 run to cut the lead to 16-14 with 9:55 left in the half, but the Wildcats answered with 24-13 scoring surge to lead 40-27 at the intermission.

PRCC built its lead to as many as 23 points twice in the second half.

Besides Brackins and Cole, sophomore center Ray Selva of Baton Rouge added 15 points, while hauling in a season-high 19 boards and blocking 2 shots; while Daryl Cohen of Century, Fla., scored 11 (3 treys), Jeremy Goff of Picayune High and Jonathan Williams of Stone County (2 treys), 6 each; Gabe Willis of St. Stanislaus 5, Jason Simmons of Hattiesburg High, Jacoby Rawls of Sumrall (8 assists), and Ethan Smith of Poplarville High, 2 a piece.

Besides Akins, Kendall Granderson scored 16 points (2 treys, 5 steals, 8 RB) for the Bulldogs; while Corey Moore 14 (1 trey, 2 steals), Hilton Tompkins 10 (1 trey), Jonathan Barnett 7, Marcus Jones 5, and Amaretto Plunkett 2.

From the foul line PRCC was 27 of 36 (75 percent), while HCC was 18 of 28 (64.3 percent).

From the field, the Wildcats hit 26 of their 51 field goal attempts (51 percent), including an impressive 11-of-24 (45.8 percent) effort from 3-point range. Holmes hit 40.3 percent (25 of 62) from the field and 7 of 19 (36.8 percent) 3-point attempts.

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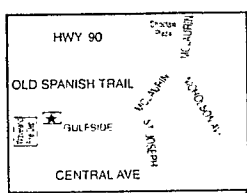
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## Art reception for Dot Copeland set March 5

**D**ot Copeland of Waveland is the featured artist of the month at the 13th St Gallery with an exhibit running March 1-26.

An opening reception will be held Friday, March 5, from 5:30 until 8 p.m. with special keyboard music by Betty Bittner.

For more information, call

228-822-0040.

Copeland has practiced art since childhood, experimenting in various media, but when she was introduced to watercolor, she knew she had

found her niche. Her art education includes Art Instruction Incorporated of Minneapolis, John C. Calhoun Jr. College, and the University of Alabama.

Dot works from first impressions, sketches, and photographs made on field trips. Through the use of color, technique, or subject matter, she strives to create a mood or feeling which will communicate to the viewer.

Her nostalgic paintings and house portraits have received numerous awards in regional, national, and international shows, and they are collected by individuals and corporate collectors in the

U.S. as well as abroad.



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Cast members include (standing from left) John Harter as Sam Hoke, Darrell Hughes as Curtis Applebee, Roxanne McCabe as Blanche Cooke, Rick Brooks as Lieutenant Walker, Drew Monks as Vanelli and Stephanie Coker as Helga. Seated are Theresa Scardino as Elaine Wheeler, Larry R. Clark as John Wheeler and Nancy Mangin as Dr. Tracey Lake.

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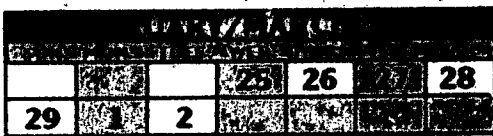






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